

State of Alaska FY2010 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Labor and Workforce Development Workers Compensation Appeals Commission Component Budget Summary

Component: Workers Compensation Appeals Commission

Contribution to Department's Mission

The Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission component contributes to the department's mission by ensuring timely, thoughtful, well-reasoned and sound decisions on appeals from final decisions and orders of the Workers' Compensation Board.

Core Services

- Adjudicate appeals from disputed Workers' Compensation Board decisions fairly, deliberate carefully, and provide timely decisions.
- Develop a sound, consistent, well-reasoned administrative interpretation of the workers' compensation law for the guidance of insurers, employers, workers, and the Board.

FY2010 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2010 Component Budget: \$550,900

Personnel:

Full time	3
Part time	0
Total	3

Key Component Challenges

At the beginning of FY 08 the commission had a docket of 36 cases awaiting decision, more than double the preceding fiscal year which had 16. During FY 08 an additional 40 appeals were filed. Despite the number of cases handled, the commission ended FY 08 with 41 cases on the docket without final merit decisions, an increase of only 5 cases over last fiscal year. The commission continues to review and modify procedures as appropriate to ensure appellants receive a timely hearing.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2010

No changes in results are anticipated.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2008

During FY 08, 98% of open appeals had been heard within 12 months and 92% had been decided within 12 months, including appeals filed in FY 06/07.

The commission completed the process of establishing a regular volunteer summer law internship in cooperation with the Alaska Labor Relations Agency and increased the number of summer law interns to 2. The commission also began the process of obtaining a university law school sponsor for its semester externship program during FY 08. The externship will begin in January of FY 09.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

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Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission

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**Workers Compensation Appeals Commission
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2008 Actuals	FY2009 Management Plan	FY2010 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	317.5	345.7	352.6
72000 Travel	4.5	22.5	22.5
73000 Services	117.1	170.8	170.8
74000 Commodities	4.9	5.0	5.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	444.0	544.0	550.9
Funding Sources:			
1157 Workers Safety and Compensation Administration Account	444.0	544.0	550.9
Funding Totals	444.0	544.0	550.9

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2008 Actuals	FY2009 Management Plan	FY2010 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
Workers Safety & Compensation Admin	51078	444.0	544.0	550.9
Unrestricted Total		444.0	544.0	550.9
Restricted Revenues				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Estimated Revenues		444.0	544.0	550.9

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2009 Management Plan to FY2010 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2009 Management Plan	0.0	0.0	544.0	544.0
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-FY2010 Wage and Health Insurance Increases for Bargaining Units with Existing Agreements	0.0	0.0	6.9	6.9
FY2010 Governor	0.0	0.0	550.9	550.9

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Personal Services Information**

Authorized Positions			Personal Services Costs	
	<u>FY2009</u> <u>Management</u> <u>Plan</u>	<u>FY2010</u> <u>Governor</u>		
Full-time	3	3	Annual Salaries	187,172
Part-time	0	0	COLA	7,292
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay	0
			Annual Benefits	96,155
			<i>Less 2.36% Vacancy Factor</i>	(6,870)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
			Board Honoraria	68,851
Totals	3	3	Total Personal Services	352,600

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Chair, Wkrs Comp Appeals Comm	1	0	0	0	1
Law Office Assistant I	1	0	0	0	1
Law Office Assistant II	1	0	0	0	1
Totals	3	0	0	0	3

Component Board Summary

Board Description	Member Count	Pay Per Day	Budgeted Days	Additional Pay	Total Cost
Workers Compensation Appeals Commission	4	400.00	40	0.00	68,851.20
Total					68,851.20